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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the European Search Report (dated June 19, 2001), in the counterpart European application, accompanying the documents being filed on this same date. The relevance of each of these references is set forth in the European Search Report.

It is respectfully requested that each cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that each cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

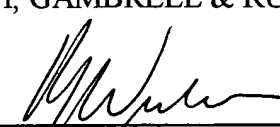
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